

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR SESSION

June 13, 2005

Closed Session 5:30

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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| Council Members Present: | Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Mayor Alice Dowdin |
| Council Members Absent: | Bob Snyder (Arrived during Public Comment from the Mosquito Abatement District meeting.) |
| Staff Members Present: | City Manager Bob Richardson City Attorney Charles Wachob Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi Public Works Director Charles Clark Finance Director Andy Heath Community Development Director Will Wong |

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code section 54957.6: **Without Objection.**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: David Mackowiak, Robert Richardson
Employee Organizations: All City employee groups

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Warrants

By **RESOLUTION 05-65** approve Warrants #59978 – 60489 totaling \$1,708,952.39.

2. Council Minutes

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of March 14, March 28, April 7, and April 18, 2005.

3. Appointment to Arts Commission

By **RESOLUTION 05-66** appoint Erika MacDonald to the Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term in the Member-at-Large category, ending October 2005.

4. Appointments to the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

By **RESOLUTION 05-67** appoint four members to the Fire Safe Council: (1) Bob Snyder to a one year term (2) Kevin Hanley to a one year term (3) John Boxberger to a two year term and (4) Beryl Smith to a two year term.

5. Authorization of Fire Chief to Sign Grant Agreement

By **RESOLUTION 05-68** authorize the Fire Chief to sign the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Grant Agreement.

6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sierra Economic Development District

By **RESOLUTION 05-69** authorize the Fire Chief to sign the MOU with Sierra Economic Development District.

7. **2005 Clean Air Contract – Hybrid Pool Car Purchase**

By **RESOLUTION 05-70** authorize the Director of Public Works to sign and execute the 2005 Clean Air Grant Contract with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District for the Hybrid Pool Car Project, and place three city pool cars on the surplus list for scrappage.

8. **Fire Department Service Fee Schedule**

By **RESOLUTION 05-71** approve the Fire Department Service Fee Schedule.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/**
Approved 4:0/Absent: Snyder

9. **Public Comment**

Joanne Neft spoke about Placer Grown produce and the Auburn Farmers Market. She asked the people to support the local farmers by purchasing only Placer grown produce during the month of August.

Ms. Neft also spoke about the petition being circulated requesting something be done about noise, particularly that from trucks and motorcycles. The petition had 150 signatures.

At this time Council Member Snyder joined the Council.

Council Member Nesbitt commended the Placer County Public Transportation Agency for granting a \$10 summer-long bus fare for children.

Mr. Nesbitt also complained about the planned hike in cable TV rates, especially the rate hike for low-income people, which he calculated to be a 487% increase.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. **Weed Abatement Public Protest Hearing**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi said that, of all the properties that have been declared a public nuisance, about 70% of those on the list have already complied. He estimated that only about two or three individuals will go through the entire process and have liens put on their properties.

There were no comments from the public.

By **RESOLUTION 05-72** authorize the Fire Chief to abate properties that have been declared as a public nuisance. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/ Approved 5:0**

REPORTS

11. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder reported that in order for the Mosquito Abatement District to be able to more effectively deal with the West Nile Virus, they would like the public to contact them whenever they find a dead bird. The toll-free number to call is **1(877) WNV-BIRD**.

Council Member Holmes asked Public Works to enquire at the Air Pollution Control District about ways they could mitigate the dust being raised by the street sweepers.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

12. Salvation Army – Homeless Update

Informational item. Michelle Talbot of the Salvation Army gave a presentation on the final ten-year plan for dealing with the homeless and the housing issues.

13. Amend Staffing Allocation for Administrative Assistant (Public Service Counter & Support)

Community Development Director Will Wong said that this resolution simply reinstates the forty-hour work week for that position. Due to the budgetary uncertainty in Fiscal Year 2004/2005 the Administrative Assistant voluntarily reduced her hours to 33 hours per week.

By **RESOLUTION 05-73** amend staffing allocation for the Administrative Assistant (Public Service Counter & Support) to allow for an increase in hours from thirty-three (33) to forty (40) hours per week. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

14. **Auburn Recreation District (ARD) Fiscal Year 2006 Projects Presentation and Quimby Act Fund Transfer Request**

Alan Grenier of the Auburn Recreation District discussed the District's completed and ongoing projects and other capital improvement projects planned over the next five years.

The Council wanted more specifics than was presented. This item was then continued to June 27th.

15. **Auburn Community Television (ACTV) Funding Request**

Chair of the Telecommunications Commission Glenn Tonkin reviewed the cable system upgrade to date and the expected improvements.

Jan MacDonald of ACTV said they are seeking new funding sources and have already successfully obtained one. Their goal is eventually to be more financially self-sufficient and not have to lean on the City.

Mr. MacDonald gave a video presentation showing some of this year's forty new programs. He said ACTV is doing a lot more exchanges with other television stations; it gets our news out to other areas. He said he would like the station to work more with the local businesses in Auburn.

Mayor Dowdin said the \$12,000 funding request is reasonable. It benefits the City as well as the community. She said the County needs to recognize the value of ACTV. The County should partner with ACTV because ACTV serves not only Auburn but North Auburn as well and other residents outside the city limits.

Council Member Hanley suggested that the Council send a letter, signed by each member, to each member of the County Board of Supervisors pointing out why they should be involved financially and how they already benefit and will benefit from ACTV.

Mayor Dowdin agreed with Council Member Hanley and asked ACTV to draft such a letter and have it brought to a future Council meeting for their signatures.

16. **Endurance Capital Committee Funding Request**

Consider the work plan and funding request, provide any desired direction, and make a final determination during budget deliberations.

Endurance Capital Committee member Brad Kearns gave a presentation explaining the Committee's 2005-2006 Work Plan, Budget Proposal and request for \$8,400 funding from the City.

17. **State of California Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan Receivable
Financing Program Participation**

Finance Director Andy Heath explained that this is money owed to the City by the State of California for their failure to make three months of Vehicle License Fees backfill payments.

The Council discussion was about whether to apply for the funds now and get less interest or apply later and get more. Council Member Hanley favored later.

Public Works Director Charles Clark said that, because the price of petroleum is going up almost daily, any interest the City might gain later may be lost in the price of asphalt.

By **RESOLUTION 05-74** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and deliver a Purchase and Sale Agreement and related documents with respect to the sale of the City's vehicle license fee receivable from the State. **MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/Approved 4:1/No: Hanley**

ADJOURNMENT at 8:37 p.m.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk